

1-1 By: Raymond (Senate Sponsor - Nelson) H.B. No. 748  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 15, 2013;  
1-3 April 17, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Health  
1-4 and Human Services; May 9, 2013, reported favorably by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 9, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Nelson	X			
1-8 Deuell	X			
1-9 Huffman	X			
1-10 Nichols	X			
1-11 Schwertner	X			
1-12 Taylor			X	
1-13 Uresti			X	
1-14 West	X			
1-15 Zaffirini	X			
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a waiver allowing the Department of Family and  
1-20 Protective Services to use certain federal funds to test innovation  
1-21 strategies in child welfare programs.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 40, Human Resources Code,  
1-24 is amended by adding Section 40.074 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 40.074. WAIVER TO USE FUNDS TO TEST INNOVATIONS TO  
1-26 CHILD WELFARE PROGRAMS. (a) The department shall apply for and  
1-27 actively pursue a waiver, as authorized by the Child and Family  
1-28 Services Improvement and Innovation Act (Pub. L. No. 112-34), to  
1-29 allow the department to use federal funds available under Title  
1-30 IV-E, Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 670 et seq.), to  
1-31 conduct demonstration projects to accomplish one or more of the  
1-32 following goals:

1-33 (1) providing more permanency for children by reducing  
1-34 time in foster care and promoting successful transitions to  
1-35 adulthood for former foster youth;

1-36 (2) increasing positive outcomes for infants,  
1-37 children, and families in their homes and communities and  
1-38 increasing the safety and well-being of infants, children, and  
1-39 youth; and

1-40 (3) preventing child abuse and neglect and the reentry  
1-41 of children into foster care.

1-42 (b) This section expires December 31, 2015.

1-43 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-44 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-45 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-46 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-47 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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